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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of MATSUO, Kenji, HOJO, Masahiro, NISHIKAWA, Tomohisa, and KOBAYASHI, Kazuomi
RUBBER COMPOSITION AND PNEUMATIC TIRE USING SAID RUBBER COMPOSITION
Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q54675

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/326,691 (Confirmation No. 4511) filed on June 7, 1999 of MATSUO, Kenji, HOJO, Masahiro, NISHIKAWA, Tomohisa and KOBAYASHI, Kazuomi entitled RUBBER COMPOSITION AND PNEUMATIC TIRE USING SAID RUBBER COMPOSITION.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. §122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1713.

Please enter the Amendment previously filed on December 13, 2001 under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	10-159512	06/08/1998

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/326,691.



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Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d)
U.S. Appln. No. 09/326,691

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>19</u> - 20	=	<u> </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	=	<u> </u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$740.00

TOTAL FILING FEE

\$740.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$740.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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